



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

United States Patent and Trademark Office

Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
10/596,438	07/07/2006	Raimund Schuetze	K&W/13842US	6717
27316 7590 10/26/2009 MAYBACK & HOFFMAN, P.A. 5722 S. FLAMINGO ROAD #232 FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33330				
EXAMINER KINGAN, TIMOTHY G				
ART UNIT		PAPER NUMBER		
1797				
MAIL DATE		DELIVERY MODE		
10/26/2009		PAPER		

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

The time period for reply, if any, is set in the attached communication.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Scott Smiley on 10/09/2009 and 10/21/2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 23. A method according to claim 24 wherein
the holding portion and the receiving portion form a holding device
according to claim 4 wherein the receiving portion defines at least one hole sized to hold
the at least one receiving element and serve as a collecting vessel for collecting a
biological specimen recovered using laser microdissection from biological material to be
disposed in the container and wherein the holding portion and the receiving portion are
coupled in a contactless manner in such a way that the receiving portion is held in the
container via the holding portion and the at least one hole of the receiving portion with
the at least one receiving element may be positioned at multiple locations within the
container by moving the holding portion.

Claim 26. A method according to claim 23-24, wherein,

to perform the method, ~~the a~~ holding device ~~according to claim 4~~ is used to hold the at least one receiving element in the container.

Claim 27. A method according to claim 24 wherein,

to perform laser microdissection, a combination of ~~the a~~ closed container and a holding device ~~that includes the holding portion and the receiving portion, according to claim 12~~ wherein the receiving portion defines at least one hole sized to hold the at least one receiving element and serve as a collecting vessel for collecting a biological specimen recovered using laser microdissection from biological material to be disposed in the container and wherein the holding portion and the receiving portion are coupled in a contactless manner in such a way that the receiving portion is held in the container via the holding portion and the at least one hole of the receiving portion with the at least one receiving element may be positioned at multiple locations within the container by moving the holding portion is used.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to TIMOTHY G. KINGAN whose telephone number is (571)270-3720. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., E.S.T.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jill Warden can be reached on 571 272-1267. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

TGK

/Jill Warden/
Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 1797